

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A content-certified e-mail service system having an e-mail content certifying device for certifying contents of a text of an e-mail sent from an e-mail terminal device at a sender's side to an e-mail terminal device at a receiver's side within a network, wherein:

said e-mail terminal device at the sender's side sends a content certification request e-mail to said e-mail content certifying device, said content certification request e-mail containing an e-mail address of said e-mail terminal device at the receiver's side and a text of content certification;

said e-mail content certifying device judges, upon receipt of said content certification request e-mail, whether there is any tampering with said text of content certification in said e-mail; and

said e-mail content certifying device, upon judging that there is no tampering with said text of content certification, saves registration information that contains said text of content certification in a storage device, sends a content-certified e-mail that contains said text of content certification to said e-mail terminal device at the receiver's side, and sends a receipt e-mail that contains receipt information indicating that content certification has been effected to said e-mail terminal device at the sender's side.

2. The content-certified e-mail service system according to claim 1, wherein:

said e-mail terminal device at the sender's side sends a





registration information retrieved.

5. The content-certified e-mail service system according to claim 4, wherein:

said access key contains a receiver's identifier and a receiver's e-mail address; and

said e-mail content certifying device retrieves from said storing device one set of registration information corresponding to said receiver's identifier in said access key received, and judges whether the receiver's e-mail address in said access key received coincides with the receiver's e-mail address in said one set of registration information retrieved, said e-mail content certifying device allowing said downloading only when coincidence is confirmed.

6. The content-certified e-mail service system according to claim 4, wherein:

said e-mail content certifying device, after confirming said downloading by said e-mail terminal device at the receiver's side of said text of content certification, sends a delivery certification e-mail to said e-mail terminal device at the sender's side.